

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department – Purchase of Arms & Ammunition to provide to the forest personnel for protection and conservation of forests – Permission - Accorded – Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 116

Dated.20.12.2013

Read the followings:

1. Govt. Memo No.722/For.III/2011, dt:08.05.2012.
2. From the PCCF, Hyd., Letter No.10326/2009/X3, Dt.12.12.2012.
3. Govt. Memo.No.9142/For.III/A1/2012, Dt.07.02.2013.
4. From the PCCF, Hyd., Rc No: 10326/2009/X3., dated 19-02-2013.
5. Govt. Memo No.9142/For.III/A1/2012, Dated: 01.07.2013,
addressed to DGP, Hyderabad.
6. From the PCCF, Hyd., Rc No: 10326/2009/X2, dated 05-09-2013.
7. Govt. Memo No.9142/For.III/A1/2012, Dated:04.10.2013.
8. From the PCCF, Hyd., Lr.No.10326/09/X2, dated. 22.10.2013.
9. From the PCCF, Hyd., Lr.No.10326/09/X2, Dt.20.11.2013.
- 10.G.O.Rt.No.568, EFS&T (For.III) Dept., dated.3.12.2013.
- 11.From the PCCF, Hyd., Lr.No.10326/2009/X2, Dt.17.12.2013.

ORDER

In the reference 1st read above, Government have accorded permission to the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad to purchase (250) Nos. of 12 Bore (20") SBBL (Pump Action) Guns/12 Bore (28") DBBL Guns for utilization of Forest Department including already permitted 24 Nos., 12 Bore DBBL Guns instead of 250 Nos. of SLRs (7.62 SLR).

2. However, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, AP, Hyderabad, in his letter 2nd read above has reported that the State Trading Corporation, a Govt. of India Enterprise floated global tenders and short listed four firms for supplying 250 Nos. of 12 Bore (20") SBBL (Pump action) Guns and Ammunition from M/s Maverick Arms Incorp., USA and requested the Government to accord permission for cancellation of the global tenders floated for supplying the arms, in view of the difficulties in procurement of the weapons and also as the process may likely to take a very long time and to place the order with State Trading Corporation, Hyderabad for procuring and supplying the Maverick shotgun Model No.31046 (8 shot) from the Maverick Arms Incorporation, USA, which is a subsidiary of Mossberg, USA.

3. The matter has been examined and in the reference 7th read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad has been requested to re-examine the proposal keeping in view the advice of the Director General of Police, Hyderabad sent in the Lr.No.254/K-1/2013, Dt.03.09.2013.

4. Accordingly, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, AP, Hyderabad, in the reference 8th read above has submitted a revised proposal for according permission for procurement of suitable weapons.

5. In the reference 10th read above, Government have issued orders constituting a Technical Committee with the officials of Police and Forest Departments for finalization of the type of weapons to be procured, and to suggest the specifications of the weapons to be procured and also the method of procurement as per decision of the meeting held by Chief Secretary on 21.11.2013.

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6. The Technical Committee has met on 13.12.2013 and unanimously recommended to procure the following type of Guns & Revolvers for the use by Forest Department's Frontline Staff:

1. Guns – 250 nos. of Maverick 31046/88 SBBL Gun along with ammunition, directly from the manufacturer and to place the order for 20,000 rounds of ammunition for the 250 nos. SBBL Guns to be procured.
2. Revolvers - 125 nos. of (0.32) NPB Revolvers of Smith & Wesson Model No.632 with ammunition (7,500 rounds) are to be procured for the use of FROs.

7. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad in his letter 11th read above, submitted a proposal requesting the Government to issue necessary orders for procurement of the above arms along with ammunition duly taking into consideration the recommendations of the Technical Committee through the State Trading Corporation duly cancelling the earlier tenders or by the A.P. Police Department after consultations, for which necessary funds would be provided by the Forest Department.

8. Government, after careful examination of proposal of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad hereby, accord permission for purchase of **(i)** 250 nos. of SBBL Guns with ammunition (20,000 rounds) to be placed at the disposal of Forest personnel in Red Sanders areas (135 nos. FBOs and 65 nos. FSOs) and **(ii)** 125 nos. of (0.32) NPB Revolvers with ammunition (7,500 rounds) to be placed at the disposal of FROs (65 nos. in Red Sander including Flying Squad Parties) and the balance weapons to be made available to the Staff in the problematic areas as recommended by the Technical Committee, in cancellation of the earlier tenders. Government also accord permission to procure the above said arms and ammunition through the State Trading Corporation (**or**) by the A.P. Police Department after consultation, by meeting the expenditure with the available funds of Forest Dept.

9. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action, accordingly.

10. This orders issues with the concurrence of Finance (Expr. M&F) Dept. vide their U.O. No.218/A2/Expr. M&F/2013, dated.18.12.2013.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To

The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, AP., Hyderabad.

The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, (WL)

& Chief Wildlife Warden, AP., Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Director General of Police, Hyderabad.

The Director General of Police (Operations), Hyderabad.

The Addl. Superintendent of Police, Greyhounds, Hyderabad.

The P.S. to Secretary to C.M.

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The OSD to Hon'ble M(FES&T).

The Finance (Expr. M&F) Dept.

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